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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 8607 ACTION SECSTATE 11 OCTOBER.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 8607

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, IR, US

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO IRAN

REF: STATE 221749

1. ACTING DCM MILLS AND ADMIN COUNSELLOR BROWN MET WITH GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES GHARIB, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY COURT MINISTER ALAM TO HANDLE PREPARATIONS FOR SECRETARY'S VIST, AND VICE GMOC AKMAL TO WORK OUT PROGRAM FOR VISIT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RETRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO SECRETARY FOR HIS APPROVAL OR COMMENTS.

2. FONMIN KHALATBARY WILL MEET PLANE ON ARRIVAL NOVEMBER 1. TWO GOI HELICOPTERS WILL TAKE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER AND THOSE STAYING AT GUEST HOUSE TO THEIR QUARTERS. AT ABOUT 1730
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SECRETARY WILL PROCEED TO NIAVARAN PALACE FOR 1800 AUDIENCE WITH

SHAH. (STATE 223567 WAS RECEIVED AFTER MEETING WITH GHARIB. WILL DEVELOP SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MRS. KISSINGER'S WISHES AND FORWARD ASAP). AT 2000 OTHER DINNER GUESTS WILL JOIN EMPRESS AND MRS. KISSINGER UNTIL CONCLUSION OF SHAH/ SECRETARY DISCUSSIONS AT ABOUT 2030. GUESTS AT BLACK TIE DINNER WILL INCLUDE PRIMIN, FONMIN AND MINFIN AND ECON WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS AFTER DINNER IF DESIRED.

3. ON SATURDAY MORNING, NOV 2, AFTER MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS, GOI WILL PROVIDE HELICOPTER AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION TO AIRPORT ABOUT NOON WHERE PARTY WILL BOARD VIP- CONFIGURED BOEING 737 WITH 60 SEATS FOR TRIP TO ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ. TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE TIME, COURT PROPOSES AND EMBASSY SUPPORTS FOLLOWING REVISED TRAVEL PLAN: FLY FIRST TO ISFAHAN ARRIVING ABOUT 1230. AFTER LUNCHEON AT SHAH ABBAS HOTEL, SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF CITY AND ENVIRONS WOULD BEGIN ABOUT 1430. GOI HAS OFFERED DINNER AT SHAH ABBAS FOR ENTIRE PARTY HOSTED BY GOVERNOR OF ISFAHAN BUT WISHES TO KNOW IF SECRETARY PREFERS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVENING.

4. ON SUNDAY, NOV 3, ABOUT 0900 PARTY WILL DEPART VIA 737 FOR SHIRAZ. TWO HELICOPTERS WITH SEATS FOR TEN MEMBERS OF PARTY AND BUS FOR OTHERS WILL DEPART FOR TAKHTE-JAMSHID (WHOSE GREEK NAME PERSEPOLIS MIGHT BETTER BE AVOIDED BECAUSE IT REMINDS IRANIANS THAT ALEXANDER DESTROYED THAT ANCIENT CITY). LATE SUNDAY MORNING MEMBERS OF PARTY WHO HAD REMAINED IN TEHRAN OVERNIGHT WILL FLY VIA SECRETARY'S SAM AIRCRAFT TO SHIRAZ, ARRIVING ABOUT 1145. SECRETARY AND GROUP VISITING TAKHTE-JAMSHID WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO SHIRAZ AIRPORT AND BOARD SAM AIRCRAFT FOR DEPARTURE DIRECTLY TO BUCHAREST. GOI OFFERS PROVIDE LUNCH TO BE EATEN ABOARD PLANE. IF SECRETARY PREFERS, PARTY VISITING TAKHTE-JAMSHID COULD EAT LIGHT LUNCH AT HOTEL DARIUS BEFORE BOARDING AIRCRAFT.

5. DECISIONS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS:

A. IN ADDITION TO JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, WHAT OTHER APPOINTMENTS DOES SECRETARY DESIRE MORNING NOV 2?

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B. DOES SECRETARY APPROVE REVISED PLAN FOR TRAVEL WITHIN IRAN, WITH DIRECT DEPARTURE FROM SHIRAZ NOV 3 AT NOON?

C. WHAT ARE SECRETARY'S WISHES REGARDING LUNCH AND DINNER IN ISFAHAN NOV 2 AND LUNCH IN SHIRAZ NOV 3?
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